

Remarks

The Office Communication dated March 30, 2006, has been reviewed and carefully considered. The examiner considers the Amendment and Reply mailed January 6, 2006, in response to the restriction/election of species requirement not fully responsive since a single disclosed species was not elected. The sodium salt of Cbz-(R)-Phe-(S)-Pro-(R)-Mpg-B(OH)₂ ("TRI50c") is hereby elected as the single species (see, e.g., Example 3 on page 56; page 26; the structure at the end of the reaction scheme on page 52; and page 93, lines 30-31). A Supplemental Preliminary Amendment was mailed on March 23, 2006, that made several claim amendments and added claims. Claims 1-65, 67-70, 72-78, 81-95, 98-103, 105, and 110-116 from the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment read on the elected species.

Applicants look forward to receiving an action on the merits. Should there be any questions regarding this application, Examiner Kwon is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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